

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CORA WILLIAMS,

Defendant.

Case No. 06-30070-3-DRH

MEMORANDUM & ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:

Defendant Cora Williams has filed a *pro se* Motion for Retroactive Application of Sentencing Guidelines to Crack Cocaine Offense, pursuant to **18 U.S.C. § 3582** (Doc. 214). Administrative Order No. 102¹ was issued in this case (Doc. 215) and the Office of the Federal Public Defender (“FPD”) for the Southern District of Illinois was appointed to represent Defendant in this matter for the purposes of determining whether a reduction of sentence pursuant to **18 U.S.C. §**

¹ Administrative Order No. 102, dated December 19, 2007, instructs the Clerk of the Court to appoint the Federal Public Defenders Office to represent each defendant who files a motion for reduction of sentence based upon the amended advisory sentencing guidelines regarding the disparity between sentences for convictions of powder cocaine offenses versus crack cocaine offenses (*see* United States Sentencing Guidelines § 2D1.1).

3582 was appropriate. Protocol implemented by the FPD requires a review of Defendant's case to determine eligibility for a sentence reduction and then to either file an amended petition requesting said reduction if Defendant is determined to be eligible or else a motion to withdraw from representation if Defendant is found ineligible.

Also before the Court is the FPD's Motion to Withdraw (Doc. 226) on the basis that the FPD can make no non-frivolous arguments in support of a reduction pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c). **See Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)**. The Court allowed Defendant time to file a response. To date, no response has been filed. The FPD has determined, after review of Defendant's case, that she is ineligible for a **§ 3582** sentence reduction. Amendments 706 and 711 amended U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1(c) as of November 1, 2007, to lower by two points the base offense levels associated with various amounts of crack cocaine. The Sentencing Commission amended U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1(c) intending to alter the disparity in sentences involving crack cocaine and sentences involving powder cocaine. Defendant, however, was sentenced on February 8, 2008 (Doc. 181), using the 2007 Sentencing Guidelines Manual and therefore the amended crack cocaine guideline was already applied so that she received a sentence of 84 months' imprisonment (Docs. 181 & 185).

Therefore, the Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction to consider her reduction request. **See Forman, 553 F.3d at 588; Lawrence, 535 F.3d at 637-**

38. The Court therefore **GRANTS** counsel's Motion to Withdraw (Doc. 226) and **DISMISSES** for lack of jurisdiction Defendant's *pro se* Motion for Retroactive Application of Sentencing Guidelines to Crack Cocaine Offense, pursuant to **18 U.S.C. § 3582** (Doc. 214). The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to mail a copy of this Order via U.S. mail to defendant Cora Williams, #07631-025, FCI Greenville, Inmate Mail/Parcels, P.O. Box 5000, Greenville, IL 62246.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 14th day of April, 2010.

/s/ David Hernon

**Chief Judge
United States District Court**

² The docket indicates that Defendant is housed at FCI Hazelton. However, the docket also indicates that mail sent to Defendant at this location was returned as undeliverable (Doc. 228). The Court notes that the BOP's inmate locator webpage shows that Defendant is now being housed at FCI Greenville, and thus, it lists Defendant's new mailing address. The Court additionally notes that Defendant, as a pro se filer, remains under an obligation to inform the Court of any and all address changes, otherwise, she cannot complain when she is not properly served with Court filings. The Court is not under an obligation to research Defendant's current location – it has only done so this time as a courtesy.